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2015 PRIDE IN THE PARK - FESTIVAL ISSUE

RAINBOW FAMILIES BOWLING NIGHT

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AUGUST 28, 2015 • 5PM - 8PM

REVOLUTIONS
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Enjoy an LGBT family night out at Revolutions, a smoke-free venue, and support our community center!

Admission includes:

- 2 hours of bowling and bowling shoes
- 1 hour of unlimited arcade play
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- Complimentary fountain drinks and cash bar
- Basket raffle

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Chief of Allentown Police Dept.



Hon. Mike Stack
Lt. Governor of Pennsylvania

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Igor Volsky
Contributing Editor, ThinkProgress

October 11, 2015 | 10:30am

vegetarian brunch, champagne toast, candy station, silent auction, cash bar and live music

Silver Creek Country Club | 700 Linden Ave., Hellertown, PA

Tickets and sponsorship information:
www.BRADBURY-SULLIVAN-CENTER.ORG

The Dangers of Invisibility:
passing, privilege, and power
from a Trans perspective



A talk by
Jay Maddock
Executive Director
**Kalamazoo
Gay & Lesbian
Resource Center**

FREE EVENT

October 22, 2015
7:00 - 8:30 pm

Miller Forum, Moyer Hall
Muhlenberg College

2400 W. Chew St., Allentown, PA 18104

www.BRADBURY-SULLIVAN-CENTER.ORG/events

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FACT'S
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AUGUST 30

AND
FRAT PARTY WEEKEND
AUGUST 28TH - 30TH
AT THE
WOODS CAMPGROUND
READ MORE ABOUT FACT EVENTS
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LIZ OUT LOUD By Liz Bradbury

THE CENTER WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP MOVE, PAINT, CLEAN, SET-UP

Are you on the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center email list? Well you should be, because not only will you hear about all the many events we are presenting (see throughout this paper for everything from Bowling and Comedy events to Trans Educational and Inclusive Congregations presentations) but we'll be making a **MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE CENTER SOON** that you will not want to miss!

Currently, we are building a list of people who will volunteer at the Community Center when it opens. Even before we open, we will need volunteers to help us move our organizational papers, office furniture, supplies, and other stuff from our offices in Allentown and Easton, into the Center. We will also need teams of people to paint, clean, and set up the space. You won't have to have vast painting, cleaning, or interior decorating experience. We'll show you what to do. We just need people who will be able to do this kind of work when the time comes.

We also need volunteers to help with events. This usually includes set-up, ticket taking, meet and greet, handing out information, and clean-up. We need people to do this at off-site events, and we will need people to do this at the Community Center when it opens.

If you can volunteer to help, and especially if you have painting experience and/or a van or a mini van to move stuff, please either sign up on the volunteer list in the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center booth at the Pride Festival today, or email me at liz@bradburysullivancenter.org. You can also call me at 610-432-5449..



**Bradbury-Sullivan
LGBT Community Center**

For information call our -

LGBT Info-line
610-432-5449



or see our huge resource website -

www.bradburysullivancenter.org

- *Need Information about the LGBT Community?
- *Want to know about upcoming LGBT events?
- *Have you been the victim of LGBT Discrimination and need help?
- *Need to find an LGBT-Friendly Service Provider?

Call our Infoline or see our website any time!



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TRISH'S COLUMN By Patricia Sullivan

IF YOU ARE TRANS, GENDERQUEER OR NON-BINARY - TELL YOUR STORY



The National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE) has launched a major survey on of all Trans identities, including Trans, Genderqueer and non-binary people. You may complete the survey between August 19 and September 21. The survey covers a broad range of issues including, but not limited to, unemployment, underemployment, housing, health care, HIV/AIDS, disabilities, immigration, sex work, and police interactions.

This is an important opportunity for Trans community members to provide information reflecting your personal Trans life experiences to a national data base that advocates, policymakers, organizations and academics can draw upon to create programs and provide comprehensive services to meet the unique needs of the Trans community.

For this data base to be meaningful it must represent all Trans identities and levels of experiences. To achieve this goal the NCTE is collaborating with organizations nationwide to ensure a large and diverse sample of participants. This data will be compared with like data from the national population as a whole and NCTE plans to do a follow up survey every five years to measure progress over time.

If you are Trans, Genderqueer or non-binary please go to the site listed below and participate in the survey. If you are cisgender (not Trans) share this information to individuals and groups who may be able to get this information to members of the Trans community. Participants must live in the United States, a US Territory or abroad on a US Military base.

To learn more about the survey from the National Center for Transgender Equality or to take the survey go to: USTransSurvey.org.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE SEEKING AN INTERNSHIP?

The Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center has a limited number of one semester or summer internships available for college or high school students seeking to complete volunteer (non-paying) internship requirements or get experience with an LGBT not-for-profit. Hours and time commitment are flexible. Our offices are located in Center City Allentown and Easton. For further information and to fill our an application please see www.bradburysullivancenter.org/internship_opportunities.

MAGAZINE DEBUT THE GAY JOURNAL

The debut issue of The Lehigh Valley's Premiere Gay Journal will make its first appearance at Pride in the Park at Cedar Beach Park in Allentown, Sunday August 23rd noon-6pm. Thousands of copies will be handed out to festival goers. Circulation of the magazine will include the Greater Lehigh Valley, and Philly, New Hope, Lancaster, NYC, New Jersey, Rehoboth, Harrisburg etc. The Gay Journal will be a a full size, quarterly-produced infotainment magazine. It will feature an on-going history of the LGBT movement in the Valley by those who made it.

"Also included will be restaurant and bar reviews, previews of music, movies and books and celebrity interviews. It will include shoppe and boutique reviews, ways to improve your diet, your workout and your home and hearth, along with travel logs and wedding photos," says Publisher Stephen Libby, who adds that the Gay Journal will carry fashion features, drink recipes, happy hour hot spots, and day and weekend trips, and that health alerts and pet care tips will be regular columns.

23rd Annual Women's 5K Classic
Join the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Center's
Women's 5k Walk or Run Team
To Fight Breast Cancer
Sat. Morning - October 17, 2015
Lehigh Parkway, Allentown

Then after the race, take part in a fabulous Brunch at Trish Sullivan & Liz Bradbury's House with the whole team.

TO REGISTER FOR THE TEAM:

1. Go to www.womens5kclassic.org
2. Click on register -- then click on "Individual and non-team registration."
3. Log-in using your email address as a guest.
4. Select "walk" as your registration choice.
5. Fill in info, and agree to the waiver
6. Go to Team Selection, click join an existing team and then type in caps: BRADBURY-SULLIVAN LGBT CENTER When the team comes up, click the box next to it.
7. Fill in your address & contact info.
8. Select T-shirt size, follow steps to pay, and check-out.
9. Email us that you're on the team: liz@bradburysullivancenter.org so we can send you further information. We will forward your team member information to Team Captain Anne Huey.

HOT NEWS!!!

NEW AMERICAN HAIRLINES, POPMART LOCATIONS TO OPEN IN ALLENTOWN

The owners of American Hairlines in Bethlehem, Dave McCormack and Dru Thomas, have announced plans to open a second American Hairlines location in Center City Allentown across 7th Street from the new Arena, on the first floor of 4 City Center. They will also be opening a second Popmart clothing boutique on the Allentown ArtsWalk, this fall with their Popmart co-owner and designer Christie Garton. Popmart will sell clothing, accessories and art. To operate its Allentown locations, American Hairlines plans to hire 24 stylists and six support staff, and Popmart will hire six employees.

The Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center THANKS American Hairlines for hosting a terrific dance party fundraiser that benefited the Center, earlier in August on the first evening of Musikfest!!!

MCCLV TO HOST 9TH ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY FUNDRAISER SAT, NOVEMBER 7

Doors open at 9am. Drawing begins at noon. Tickets are \$25 (non-refundable). Price includes starter pack of tickets and lunch. There will be over 100 prizes to win! Prizes include: GoPro camera, Fit-Bit, Flat Screen TV, Coach Purse, and many others. Please contact TrickyTrayMCCLV@gmail.com to purchase tickets. Personal checks at the door require photo identification, Visa and Mastercard accepted during the event.

RE: FIND GALLERY TO OPEN 2ND STORE IN ALLENTOWN

Owner Ron Susser and Director Jon Clark of RE:find gallery in Easton have announced plans to open a second gallery in Center City Allentown in October, 2015. The new store will be located in the heart of thriving Center City, across 7th Street from the new Arena, between Shula's Steak House and American Hairlines in the shop area of Four City Center. Like the Easton store, the new Allentown store will feature furniture, art, gifts, and objects of virtue.

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED WHEN THE BRADBURY-SULLIVAN LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER OPENS
READ ABOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ON PAGE 2



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4 GLBT SUPPORT GROUP IN BERKS COUNTY

Sanctuary Counseling in Douglassville, is an affirming, confidential experience of community and support. Sanctuary

Counseling provides affirming counseling for the LGBTQ community, it's located for clients in Northern Chester, Southeastern Berks, and Western Montgomery counties and the Route 422 corridor. 515 Old Swede Rd. Douglassville, Berks County. 610-385-3155 sanctuarycounseling.com. The Douglassville site is a VGP Drop-Off spot.

**LGBTQ Youth group: ages 14-18, meets twice a month, \$40/month (time/days TBD)

**LGBTQ Young Adults group: ages 18-24, meets twice a month, \$40/month (time/days TBD)

**Current LGBTQ Adult group (closed): first and third Mondays of the month, \$50/month. (New groups forming, time/days TBD)

**All potential participants should contact Sanctuary to indicate their interest and schedule a pre-meeting consult.

FACT SUMMER GAMES



TICKETS: \$20 ~ \$15 in advance (includes lunch & soda)

For more information, vendor packets & team registrations: Call: FACT / Brian Marks at 610-349-0137

Winter Fun at FACT'S 29th Annual

FACT'S 29th Annual SNOW BALL

December 6, 2015

To be held at:



SILVER CREEK
COUNTRY CLUB

700 Linden Avenue
Hellertown, PA 18055

P.O. Box 1028 | Allentown, PA 18105 | 610-820-5519 | info@factlv.org | www.factlv.org

FACT is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization committed to raising money to assist individuals and families affected by HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and to conquer the HIV/AIDS crisis within the Lehigh Valley and surrounding communities.

ALL SOULS ECUMENICAL CHURCH

All Souls is an inclusive and welcoming church with a primary outreach to the GLBT community. The church worships in the chapel at 640 Centre Ave. Reading, PA. For information: 610-621-1738 or on the web at www.allsouls ecumenical.org, [Allsouls@ptd.net](mailto>Allsouls@ptd.net)

LGBTQ TEEN GROUP SPECTRUM IN READING

The SPECTRUM meetings offer positive role models, peer support, education, and recreation for LGBTQ youth and their allies. All participants will be ages 14-20. Meetings take place Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30. See: www.facebook.com/the.spectrum.berks for more information.

WE THANK NATIONALLY SYNDICATED SYLVIA COMIC ARTIST AND AUTHOR NICOLE HOLLANDER, WHO GRACIOUSLY ALLOWS THE VGP TO RUN HER SYLVIA COMICS. THOUGH SHE HAS RETIRED FROM DRAWING SYLVIA, YOU CAN FOLLOW NICOLE ON HER HILARIOUS DAILY BLOG: BADGIRLSCHAT.COM.

Which Sentence Are You UNLIKELY to Utter in this Lifetime?

I THINK SCREENING ONE'S CALLS IS IMMORAL.

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READING PRIDE CELEBRATION CALENDAR

Reading Pride Celebration's Calendar:

August 24, Sept. 21, Oct. 20, 2015 7:00 PM Reading Pride Celebration General Meeting at Chef Alan's American Bistro, 525 Penn Avenue, West Reading. All are welcome but guest presenters are requested to be placed on the agenda at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by calling the President at 610.375.8209. Elections for Vice President and Secretary in the August meeting.

October 20, 2015 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM Boscov's Friends Helping Friends. TBA (store and time). We will be selling 25% off coupons good for this day only. Come out and support Reading Pride Celebration and save money shopping at Boscov's. Cost per coupon is only \$5 and it benefits RPC. Coupons can be purchased in advance by calling 610.375.8209.

SOOZIE NEWS by Sue Smeinger

JON STEWART

Normally at this time on a Monday night, I am clearing the deck for the next installment of THE DAILY SHOW with JON STEWART. If we weren't watching live we were squirreling away episodes for binge watching, as many as our brains could take before freezing. As Stewart closed out his brilliant career on the Comedy Central show he spoke not of goodbyes but of a pause in the conversation he's had with us for some sixteen plus years. I hope that means he'll be back soon. But underneath the silly play of the final show, with all the many terrific correspondents who've made their bones there under his tutelage, one could sense a man in desperate need of a break. He took his job on the comedy show very seriously. American icon and fellow Jersey boy Bruce Springsteen set Stewart's sail for the next chapter with a rousing finale. It will rank for me as one of the great TV sendoffs of all time.

Forget about his entertainment resume. It is hard for me to imagine a better citizen than this man. We saw the guy on the tube, the clown, the critic, the satirist. His "pal," Bill O'Reilly loves to mock do-gooder celebrities but I wonder if he ever puts his money where it matters. Stewart surely did and does, taking up the cause of sick kids, tortured animals, selfless veterans, cops and firefighters, anyone in need, anyone suffering an injustice, really.

Countless nights, through countless news events I turned to him to help me sort out my thoughts and emotions about the direction this country has been taking for some time now and he's never let me down, saying what I hoped someone on TV would about stuff that matters. Everything from the stolen election of 2000, the attacks of September 11, the Iraq invasion, mass shootings, climate change, sexism, racism and homophobia in America. His best foil for idiots was to let them speak. His best defense of freedom, that word so easily bandied about as to nearly lose its meaning, was to dare us to think for ourselves.

Though not bound by a journalistic standard, Stewart set his own. His "fake news" show gave us more content than any 24-hour cycle on CNN. When he pleaded with the CROSSFIRE panel to "stop hurting America" it was real. And, even though the network canned that show, a host of clones has replaced it and none of them give a damn about anything but Roger Ailes' bottom line.

When Murrow left, it was the end of an era. Same for Cronkite, Paar, Carson, and the like. Each had changed the TV landscape and made us the better for it. We have no idea how much we are going to miss Jon Stewart.

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STEEL: Dr. Gwen S. Greenberg, Podiatrist; Foot & Ankle Surgery; Mark B. Stanziola, Esq.; Practicing Perspectives, LLC; Transgender Vacations; Unity of Lehigh Valley; Woosch Aloe Vera Skin Care

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EDUCATOR: Dr. Elizabeth Evans, MD; Laurin Fegley; Barb & Art Hoffman

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6 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

If you're not seeing your organization's correct information and upcoming events in the Valley Gay Press send corrections and press releases to Bradbury-Sullivan Center liz@bradburysullivancenter.org 610-432-5441

All Souls Ecumenical Church- worships every Sunday, 640 Centre St Reading, 610-621-1738
www.allsoulsecumenical.org

Am Haskalah, Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation,
<http://www.jrf.org/amhaskpa>, 610-435-3775

AIDSWALK- see FACT
BERKS BEARS -
berksbearwoof@yahoo.com Facebook: Berks Bear Woof 610.451.5737 and LGBT happenings on other Facebook page Berks / Lancaster LGBT community info

Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center (formally Pennsylvania Diversity Network)- PO Box 22902, Lehigh Valley PA 18002 - www.BradburySullivanCenter.org - 610-432-5449
CIVIC Theatre of Allentown 527 N 19th St, 610-432-8943, <civictheater.com>

FACT- Fighting AIDS Continuously Together 610.820.5519

Spectrum at Air Products

GLOSS - Gay and Lesbian Organized Sports Society, www.gloss.org Info@gloss.org

GLOW- at PPL

HAVEN GLBT Youth Group of the **Unitarian Universalist Church of the Lehigh Valley** 610-868-2153, email: havenyouth group@hotmail.com

Integrity -Lesbian & Gay

Episcopalians Family & Friends meets quarterly. 610-435-1155 gamba.guy@verizon.net "

Infoline -Bradbury-Sullivan Center's LV GLBT Infoline:: 610-432-5449 call anytime

Kutztown Univ GLBT Radio show "Making Waves," 88.3 FM, 1670 AM. In Eastern Berks: Streaming on-line everywhere at <http://kurt.kutztown.edu>

LVGMC -Lehigh Valley Gay Men's Chorus, email:info@lvgmc.org, <www.lvgmc.org> 1-800-348-2813, rehearsals:Tues.-Wesley United Methodist Church, 2540 Center St., Bethlehem

MCCLV - **Metropolitan Community Church**, Lehigh Valley, 930 N 4th St., Allentown Services: 10:30am info@mmcclv.org , <http://www.mmcclv.org> 610-709-8800

Muhlenberg GSA SQUAD Muhlenberg College Organization 610.821.3244

NCC- NCC Pride Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA 610.861.5541(#1386) or 610-767-0296

Out There- Students at Cedar Crest College

PA-Diversity Network- has now become the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center

PFLAG - LV Parents Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays, 610.967.5219 easternpapflag@ptd.net

Pride - Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley, (Pride Festival) 610.770.6200, info@prideglv.org, www.pridelv.org

Quakers-LV Friends Meeting-Rt 512 N of Rte 22 Bethl., Worship 9:30am. 610-691-3411

Rainbow AA meetings -

See article in paper AA Hotline: 610-882-0558.

Rainbow Families of the Bradbury-Sullivan Center Facebook Group

Renaissance Transgender Assoc., Meets at MCCLV renlv.org (MCC: 610-709-8800)

Reading P-FLAG- 610-967-5219

Reading Pride Celebration-Festival in Reading www.readingpridecelebration.org

Sanctuary Counseling GLBT Support Group see article - 515 Old Swede Rd. Douglassville, Berks County. 610-385-3155 www.sanctuarycounseling.com

Pride Center - At Lehigh University 610.758.5973

Spectrum -- LGBTQA Teen Group, Planned Parenthood, 48 South 4th Street, Reading PA 610-685-0888

UUCLV - Unitarian Universalist Church LV, 424 Center St., Bethlehem, 18018 610.866.7652.

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RECURRENT EVENTS:

RAINBOW AA - A-TOWN
MON, TUE, THURS

EASTON LGBT AA - WEDS
SANCTUARY COUNSELING- 1ST & 3RD MONDAYS

LVGMC REHEARSALS - TUESDAYS

GLOSS PING PONG - 1ST TUE
MONROE PFLAG - 2ND TUESDAYS

MCCLV KIDZ CLUB - TUESDAYS
LV HAVEN YOUTH - WEDS

READING SPECTRUM - WEDS
MCCLV BIBLE STUDY WEDS & SUNS

POTTSVILLE PFLAG - 3RD THURS
BUCKS CTY PFLAG - 3RD THURS

MCCLV 20'-30'S - FIRST FRIDAYS
COMMON ROADS - FRIDAYS

EASTON BEARS - 3RD FRIDAYS
UP DEL GLBT - 1ST FRIDAYS

BEARS - 4TH SATURDAYS

VALLEY BEARS - 1ST FRI, 2ND SAT
RENAISSANCE - 2ND SATURDAYS

EASTON ALANON - MON WED FRI
MCCLV - SUNDAYS

MCCLV POTLUCK - LAST SUNDAYS

ALL SOULS - SUNDAYS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUG 27 - LGBT FILM FESTIVAL
AUG 28 - RAINBOW FAMILY BOWLING

AUG 28-30 - FACT SUMMER GAMES
AUG 31 - LGBT FILM FESTIVAL

SEPT 8 - HALO

SEPT 20 - LGBT WEDDING EXPO
SEPT 13, 17, 21 - LGBT FILM FESTIVAL

SEPT 27 - WEDDING EXPO

SEPT 27, 30 - LGBT FILM FESTIVAL
OCT 4 - LGBT FILM FESTIVAL

OCT 11 - CHAMPIONS FOR EQUALITY
CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

OCT 15 - DAVID SEDARIS

OCT 17 - WOMEN'S 5K CLASSIC
OCT 22 - DANGER OF INVISIBILITY

NOV 14 - 50 SHADES OF FAY
DEC 2 - INCLUSIVE CONGREGATIONS

CLERGY CONFERENCE

DEC 6 - FACT SNOW BALL

TO LIST YOUR ORGS EVENTS
EMAIL: INFO@PADIVERSITY.ORG

RANTS & RAVES BY STEPHEN T. LIBBY PITP 2015 EDITION



In celebration of the new Stonewall movie being released next month I decided to list other milestone moments in entertainment. I have purposely left out the more popular current titles like Empire and OITNB. Most listed can be found on youtube and elsewhere online. This is only a primer to whet your appetite for more.

Movies: The Boys in the Band, The Children's Hour, Making Love, Parting Glances, The Adventures of Priscilla Queen of the Desert, Xanadu, Anything by Jon Waters and anything featuring Divine, Latter Days, The Wizard of Oz, Desert Hearts, Hedwig & the Angry Inch, anything with Bette Davis, Joan Crawford, Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss, Trick, In & Out, La Cage au Folles...

TV: Charles Nelson Reilly on Match Game, Paul Lynde on Hollywood Squares/Bewitched, Soap, Melrose Place, Kristy MacNichol on Family, The Golden Girls, Queer as Folk(UK & US versions), The Graham Norton Show, Themes from The Patty Duke, That Girl, and Mary Tyler Moore Shows, Will & Grace, The Band Played On, The Ambiguously Gay Duo...

Music: Almost anything by Diana Ross, Mariah Carey, Bette Midler, Ella Fitzgerald, Culture Club, Cher, Judy Garland, David Bowie, Wham!, Pet Shop Boys, Erasure, Grace Jones, Madonna, Melissa Etheridge, k.d.lang, the Physical music video by Olivia Newton-John. Anything by Cole Porter, Bessie Smith, George Michael...

Books: Anything by Keith Haring, Andy Warhol, Bruce Weber, coffee table books that feature boobs (or not) and penis, Lost Language of Cranes, The Well of Loneliness, Anything by Gordon Merrick,

Theatre: Avenue Q, Gypsy, Anything by Rogers & Hammerstein, The Normal Heart, Love! Valour! Compassion!, Angels in America, Rent, Chicago, Cabaret and...hell, any musical ever made!

Enjoy discovering these and other forgotten but classic titles!

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Aging Gracelessly: 50 Shades of Fay

AN ORAL MEMOIR IN TWO SHORT ACTS

(dessert reception and book signing to follow)

Join FAY JACOBS for an evening of humor and inspiration.

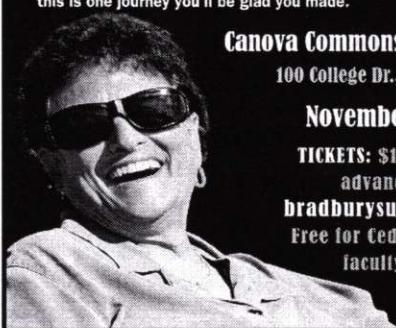
This one-woman tour de force reminds us that nothing is ever so horrible if it's worth the stories you can tell. Join Fay as she tackles life, liberty and the aging process. From zip lines to skunk sprays, lesbian invisibility to marriage equality, this is one journey you'll be glad you made.

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PARENTS AND PRIDE

As members of the LGBT community, Pride is an important aspect of our lives. We are proud of who we are, what we have accomplished so far, and the goals that we have for our community.

Although we have many different roles in the community, the pride we have in our diversity is something we share and it strengthens our support of each other.

Young and single gay men and lesbians demonstrate their individual pride and let the world know they are not ashamed of who they are. Gay and lesbian couples hold hands in public, showing the world their love for each other and the strength of their relationships. Gay men and lesbians are getting married, having children, adopting children, and raising their children in a world that is going to have to accept them for who they are. In order to do that we are proud of our families and proud of our children.

As our children excel in academics, arts, and athletics we show our pride for them by applauding for them together at sporting events, concerts, and spelling bees. If they are not excelling that way we show our pride for them by taking them to these events and applauding with them for their friends. Our greatest sense of pride is in being parents. We are proud of our children and we are proud of the role we play in their lives. We are proud to be LGBT parents and feel quite special as such.

One reason we feel so special is that we know we pass on a very positive attribute to our children. That attribute is the acceptance of diversity. Our children will be the ones who prevent, rather than encourage bullying. Our children will be the ones who do not have a problem using the correct pronoun when referring to a transgender person. Our children will be the ones that will have minimal problems accepting their own sexuality.

As LGBT parents we are proud of who we are, of what we are doing, and of what our children will become.

THE BLIND TRUTH BY KATHLEEN PRIME ACCESSIBILITY IS MORE THAN RAMPS

When I first heard about the Valley Gay Press I had recently returned to the Lehigh Valley from Thailand. I was eager to read the only local LGBT paper in the area to learn what's happening in my new community. But I've been thwarted at every turn. Even now that I write a column for the Valley Gay Press and I get a free copy of each issue sent to my home (a perquisite that is sent to both donors and columnists) I still haven't had the chance to read it. The reason is pretty simple, I'm blind, so I can't read a hard copy of the paper.

This inaccessibility is compounded because there is no on-line text version of the Valley Gay Press. Text on-line can be read by a blind person in two ways - special laptops can convert rows of text into braille, so that blind people can read emails and other linear text. Also, text can be selected and converted to speech, so that blind people can hear the written text. But that doesn't work when the text is in a graphic, and since the Valley Gay Press is created in the graphics program Illustrator, the text to speech option doesn't work.

I'm working with Liz Bradbury to make the VGP accessible to more people. Accessibility is an important issue for the LGBT community. If you'd like to work with me and volunteer to help convert older VGP issues to readable speak-text for posting on the bradburysullivancenter.org website, and you have a Mac computer that has the Illustrator program on it, please contact Liz at liz@bradburysullivancenter.org to help us with this project.

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ADRIAN SHANKER COMMENTARY INCLUSIVE CONGREGATIONS A CONFERENCE FOR CLERGY

We're doing something unique in December. Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center is hosting a conference for clergy. The "Lehigh Valley Inclusive Congregations Clergy Summit" will be held on December 2, 2015 at Congregation Keneseth Israel in West Allentown.

A grant from E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation enabled Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center to organize and host the conference, which will feature keynote speaker, Alex McNeill, Executive Director of More Light Presbyterians.

Workshop topics at the conference will include " using ritual to celebrate LGBT experiences , " "Spiritual violence and the LGBT Community , " " Pastoral care for LGBT congregants , " and "LGBT cultural competency for clergy . " There will also be a meet-up for LGBT clergy from the region.

This conference represents a unique opportunity to bring clergy from a variety of faith traditions together to learn from each other about the best strategies to ensure that their congregations are LGBT-inclusive.

Registration for the one-day clergy conference is \$35/person to advance registration is required. More information and registration is available at www.bradbrysullivancenter.org/clergy_conference. If you are a member of a faith community, please encourage your clergy members to attend! Adrian Shanker is the Founding Director of the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Center and is the former President of the Board of Equality Pennsylvania - the largest LGBT Legislative Advocacy Organization in PA.



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- Spiritual violence and the LGBT Community
- Pastoral care for LGBT congregants
- LGBT cultural competency for clergy

Registration fee of \$35 includes vegetarian breakfast and lunch

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GLOSS

The GLBT Organized Sports Society (GLOSS) offers indoor & outdoor activities throughout the year. New members are always welcome regardless of skill level.

Summer activities are currently being offered, including volleyball and tennis.

As fall approaches indoor activities will be offered, such as ping pong, bowling, and game nights. For more up to date information look for GLOSS on Facebook and Meetup under GLOSS Sports & Recreation. Also, check out the website at www.gloss.org.

GLOSS has an email newsletter that will keep you updated on all their events. GLOSS is always looking for people willing to be activity leaders. If your favorite activity is not listed, they will help you organize an event or outing by promoting it in the newsletter and social media.

For more information email Info@gloss.org.

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LV PFLAG

Regular meetings have stopped, but PFLAG will have meetings in the Allentown and Reading areas when requested. PFLAG meetings in Monroe County are the second Tuesday of each month. PFLAG can be reached at 610-967-5219, 610-858-9278, or 570-620-1234 and at www.epapflag.org.

HAVEN

HAVEN MEETINGS : The LGBT social and support group for teens ages 14 to 20, meets every Wednesday from 7:00 - 9:00PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 424 Center Street, Bethlehem. Meetings are open to GLBTAQI youth ages 14 - 20. havenyouthgroup@hotmail.com.

RAINBOW AA MEETINGS

Allentown -- Mon., Tues., Thurs - 7:30pm
17th & Chew Sts Nursing School Building
(Enter from Chew St.)

New -- Easton LGBT AA Group
Wednesdays - 7:00pm
3rd Street Alliance, -- 41 N. 3rd St., Easton

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED WHEN THE BRADBURY-SULLIVAN LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER OPENS

READ ABOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ON PAGE 2

**PENNSYLVANIA DIVERSITY NETWORK
HAS NOW OFFICIALLY BECOME THE
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LGBT women are more likely to contract treatable forms of gynecological cancer but are less likely to know what the symptoms are and to get the early treatment they need.

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Make an appointment
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**RECENT QUESTIONS ASKED, CALLED, OR EMAILED
TO THE BRADBURY-SULLIVAN CENTER...**

WTA WITH THE PHOTO PROJECT?

Dear Readers, Now that full Marriage Equality is the law of the land, we've decided to end the Same-sex Couples Photo Project. More than 1800 people in same-sex couples we photographed from 2006 to 2015 for the project, that put a face on the fight for marriage equality, and helped to educate the mainstream community on LGBT civil rights. The Project was exhibited in nearly 100 venues in hard copy and in the projected formats. The great news is that the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center will produce a book chronicling the Project and our local fight for marriage equality. Project creator, photographer, and writer Liz Bradbury is currently working on production with help from Karen Deysher on book design. All photos that are currently in the Project will be featured in the book. Publication date is set for January 2016.

LGBT FILM SERIES

in partnership with ArtsQuest, the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center has co-created and co-sponsored an LGBT film series each year since 2010. The film series presents a diverse array of mostly-new, mostly-independent LGBT films, including foreign films, art house and documentary films. Our partnership with ArtsQuest allows this series to occur annually and with stability. The ticket price covers ArtsQuest's hosting of the series at SteelStacks and is not a fundraiser for our organization.

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Kinky Boots August 27 | 7:15 PM

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Liz in September September 13 | 7 PM

Matt Shepard is a Friend of Mine
September 17 | 7:15 PM

Trans Short Films, presented by Gender Reel
September 21 | 7:15 PM

Appropriate Behavior September 27 | 7 PM

Two Short Films: Gay Pioneers/The Next Stop
includes talkback following films
September 30 | 7:15 PM

Do I Sound Gay?
October 4 | 7 PM

"A LITTLE BIT OF HEALING"

by Phil Healin

Conversion and on the fringe

Hi my dear Lehigh Valley friends!

Great news from across the pond. Kendall and I are now legally married. We converted our civil partnership (which the US doesn't recognise) into marriage (which the US does recognise) on 17th July. Here in the UK, they 'back date' the marriage to the date of the civil partnership registration, so as of July 17th, we have now apparently been married for over 9 years. The truth is we've been together for 23 years but that's just a minor detail!

Anyway the good news is, finally, that I can apply for a green card. I am in the process of getting together all the required documentation and we'll see how it goes. We still haven't really made a decision about moving back as it is a really tough one. We now, of course, want the best of both places. I don't miss things about the US such as cops everywhere behaving like Nazis; the location of our house on the busiest corner of the city; etc. My job here is the best job I have ever had. I'm responsible for upgrading an entire factory - ripping out obsolete control systems from the 80's and replacing it with shiny, hyper hip new stuff with blisteringly brilliant programs written by yours truly. I'm one of the management team and it's a wonderfully supportive and enthusiastic environment in which to work. I might struggle to get something this rewarding but who knows. But there are plenty of things I miss quite a lot, of course. Our friends are right up there. We may just come over for a vacation, stay for a week and see how we feel. And let's not count our green card chickens.

We're off to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival on Friday for 16 nights. It's the largest performing arts festival in the world with 3000 different productions over the month of August. I'm looking forward to this immensely. We have to put little Blanche in a kennel, which we don't love, but she's remarkably resilient and as sweet and passive as ever.

Our own performing arts group in Lincoln, LAODS, of which we're both on the board, has just passed a vote to mount Spamalot in June of next year as our summer musical. We're all psyched about it. It replaces 'Hello Dolly' (ugh). A total result!

So, lots to think about. Happy Pride!

'A LITTLE BIT OF HEALING' ALTERNATES EACH ISSUE WITH 'SCOTTY IN THE CITY'
Phil Healing and his husband Kendall Gable formally lived in Allentown until the lack of US marriage equality and immigration rights forced Phil (who is a citizen of the UK) and Kendall to return to England where their relationship was legally recognized

DAVID SEDARIS
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RAFFLE TICKET TO WIN A PAIR OF TICKETS
and support the Center.

Pop Quiz

By Liz Bradbury

Match these local volunteers with the correct Lehigh Valley LGBT organizations that began in the 1980s, 90s, or early 2000s.

1. Robert Roush, Steve Olofson
 2. John Faggotti, Allyson Diane Hamm, Constance Kristofik
 3. Don & Melinda Kohn, Ilse Stoll
 4. Ilse Stoll, Tracy Denton
 5. Steve Black, Liz Bradbury, Patricia Sullivan
 6. Chris Boes, Renae Bennett
 7. Charles Versaggi, Tracy Denton
 8. Donna Cruciani
 9. Brian Marks, Carl Mancino, Bobby Sweeny, Candida
 10. Les Gross, Thom Endy, Nadine Anderson
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- A. A founder of GLOW at PPL
 - B. Founders of the PA Gay and Lesbian Alliance for Political Action
 - C. Two of the founders of the Lehigh Valley Gay Men's Chorus
 - D. Some of the founders of FACT
 - E. Early congregants of MCCLV
 - F. Leaders of PFLAG
 - G. Founders of HAVEN
 - H. Two of the founders of the Lehigh Valley Gay & Lesbian Task Force
 - I. Two of the founders of GLEE at Air Products
 - J. Past Presidents of Lehigh Valley Pride

1.C 2.J 3.F 4.G 5.B 6.H 7.I 8.A 9.D 10.E

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

BRADBURY-SULLIVAN LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER



Above: Senior Director of Programs Liz Bradbury presents an LGBT cultural and linguistic competency training to the staff of five Lehigh Valley mental health care organizations.

The Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center Leadership Team delivers LGBT cultural & linguistic competency trainings for government agencies (including police departments and school districts), all types of businesses, academic institutions, and medical professionals. We also deliver lectures and presentations, teach workshops, and speak at forums, symposia, conferences and more, on an array of LGBT topics.

Email Adrian Shanker at adrian@bradburysullivancenter.org for more information or to request an LGBT cultural & linguistic competency training for your organization.

LGBT Health Alert



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Did you know?

LGBT people smoke at rates over 50% higher than non-LGBT people, and up to 1/2 of people who smoke die early as a result.

LGBT health matters
Learn how tobacco impacts the
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